

# Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA Calamus Lutheran Parish

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#### Pastor's View

For your information - Confirmation will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Three Days- We have been on a journey these weeks before the "three days." Our journey has been named a Journey to Life. We have looked at the themes of Baptism, Table, Mission, Word and Death. During the three days of Easter weekend we will focus on *Fellowship of Community* on Maundy Thursday; *Death* on Good Friday; and *Life* on Easter morning.

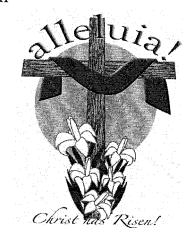
The Three Days are a yearly gift; they refocus our lives towards the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We will wash hands to remind us to be servants for Christ. We will put nails in a cross to remind us of our sins. We will celebrate the morning rising of the sun to remind us of the resurrection of the Son. And the best gift is that we will eat the bread and drink the wine to celebrate that Christ is within us

Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship –A wonderful group of ladies have gathered to study, *Bad Girls of the Bible*. If you missed the start date you can still attend. Please contact Pastor 1(319)-231-5262 or Ashley 1(563)-210-2540 if you want to attend. There will be another study after the close of this study. Maybe this study will be for

couples. Keep watching for this new information.

Wednesday Summer Worship - The worship committee is looking into the possibility of having six to eight summer worship events on Wednesday nights. We are looking for some feedback: would Wednesday worship help you to keep worshiping in the summertime? What time would you like to come to worship? Early or later worship time? What would be your latest time to end worship? What style of worship would you like; traditional like on Sunday morning? Or maybe something like a devotional on a shorter time frame and more relaxed? Please talk to someone on the worship committee or talk to Pastor. Thank you for your help.

In Christ, Pastor Bill



# Holy Week Schedule



# Maundy Thursday

April 13, 7:00 p.m. Our Savior's Church



# Good Friday

April 14, 7:00 p.m. Faith Church



# Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Worship at Our Savior's 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Our Savior's

8:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt - OS

9:30 a.m. - Worship at Faith Church



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#### **Vacation Bible School**

Monday May 1, 8, 15, 22 From 3:30-5:00 Kindergarten-Grade 5

If anyone is interested in helping please contact an education committee member or sign up for a specific task in the back of the church. We need help in the kitchen, story time volunteers, snack providers, and supervision/helpers. Registration form is included in this newsletter.

## Easter Morning Activities



The God Squad will be preparing a breakfast that will be served from 8:00—9:30 a.m. following the 7:00 Easter Worship Service at Our Savior's. There will be a free-will offering for the breakfast.



An Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the God Squad will be held at 8:45 a.m. following the Easter Breakfast at Our Savior's. Bring the little ones and watch the fun and excitement!

# Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



Mid-week Lenten Worship April 5, 2017 Faith-7:00 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p.m. Congregational Potluck



#### **Calamus Lutheran Parish**

is now on Facebook.
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## Coffee & A Little Jesus'

You are invited to the Women's/Mom's
Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the
1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are
welcome.

**Topic:** Power of a Grudge **Bible Lesson:** John 4: 5-42, Romans 5:1-11

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus April 4 – 9:00 a.m.

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If interested, please email me grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563-424-0507

You can also follow on Facebook at Coffee & A Little Jesus



#### At the March Council Meetings

#### Joint Council:

- ➤ Eight young adults will be confirmed on April 30.
- ➤ Combined services were approved for Memorial Day, May 28, 9 a.m. at Faith; Independence Day, July 2, 9a.m at Our Savior's; Labor Day, September 3, 9a.m at Faith; First Sunday after Christmas, December 31, 9a.m. Our Savior's.
  - Gospel and sermon are being recorded as audio and posted on parish website. The recordings may be added to Facebook page.
  - > VBS registration is due April 23.
  - > VBS Staff will meet April 26 at Faith at 7p.m.
  - Sunday School kids will sing May 21 at 10a.m.

- First communion classes will be held on May 3, and 10 at Faith at 6p.m. Celebration will be May 14.
- > Future Sunday School material will focus on Bible Stories.
- ➤ The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 17,2017.

#### Faith Council:

- Approved financial reports with a designated balance of 1,050.50 and a working balance of 36,633.84.
- > Insulation of the parsonage basement crawl space has been completed.
- Esbeck Masonry will repair windows when whether permits.
- Fire extinguishers will be inspected annually in April.
- Ryan Associates reported there is sediment/debris in the bottom of the furnace. The furnace was flushed and chemical shock will be performed in the summer.
- > \$20.00 is the new set amount for requesting altar flowers to be designated as "in memory" or "in honor" on a specific Sunday.
- ➤ Transfer of membership was approved for of Shelly A. Witt- Gentile, and children-Darick Dunham, and Isabella Gentile to Faith Lutheran Church from Hope Lutheran, Dixon Ia..
- ➤ A donation of \$50.00 will be donated to Calamus-Wheatland After- Prom Committee.

#### Our Savior's Council:

- Update on historical society and accessibility- tabled
- > Dry Cleaning update-tabled
- Cemetery lawn care- Chris Forret will be unable to mow this year.
- Austin Forret submitted a bid for \$3,720.00 to mow cemetery.
- Chimney on east side of church needs to be removed. Will check with historical society for guidelines.

#### Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report February 2017

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Beginning Balance\$	2,451.54
Deposits\$	4,470.83
Deposits \$ Disbursements \$	(6867.34)
Ending Balance\$	1,680.03

# Notice of Faith Church Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Faith Church Congregational meeting will be held after worship service on April 2, 2017 at Faith Church for the sole purpose of voting on change in Section C8.04.01 Part B of the Constitution pertaining to Communion Participation.

## One-night Movie Event

"Martin Luther- The Idea That Changed the World" at DeWitt Operahouse Theater Monday April 24th 6:30 p.m. Event Sponsored by Thrivent Financial



## Galatians -Christian Faith and Christian Freedom



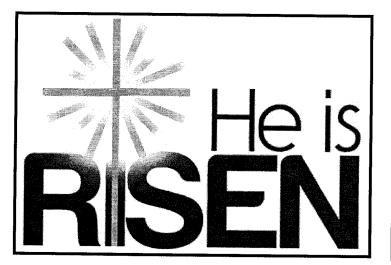
#### "For freedom Christ has set us Free"

"And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'- Galatians 4:6

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#### **Naomi Circle**

Friday, April 28 – 10:00 a.m. Crossroads Garden Cafe, DeWitt Hostess: Jeannene Bousselot Leader: Marsha Witte





#### Peter Rabbit Hollow Bazaar

Saturday, April 1, 2017
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Lost Nation, Iowa
Quilt Display, Crafts-Bake Sale
and Creamed Turkey or Maidrites Lunch
Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$3.00 Preschool: Free
Extra Sandwich \$2.00
Carryout's Available

# Help Us Fill Baskets of Promise

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item (bars of soap, bath towels, toothbrushes, combs, nail clippers) that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our goal is to assemble 40 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

April 2: Metal nail clippers, file optional

Dove
April9(Palm Sunday): Bars of soap (4-5 oz, any brand, in original wrapping)

Join us for our Personal Care Kit Assembly on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:30p.m. at Faith

Any of the items can be brought on any of the Sundays

## **April Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, April 5 at Faith Following Lenten Worship

# Noisy Offering to be Collected April 23



The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offering, selected by the 2017 Joint Council and committees, is Camp Courageous of Monticello, Iowa. Camp Courageous is a year-round respite and recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Several people in our communities look forward to attending Camp Courageous each year.

#### **Father Support Group**

Tuesday Evenings 6:00-8:00p.m.
1st floor conference room. Human Services Campus
250 20th Ave.
Clinton Iowa

Contact Robert Horton (563)-505-3174

### Calamus Fun Days Sponsors Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 8 – 1:00 p.m. Wapsi Oaks Country Club All youngsters up to 10 years of age All welcome



#### **New Secretary**

Hi my name is Rebecca Hurt, I am mom to a wonderful 12 year old son Ryan Dick. I also run a nonprofit called Angel Gowns For Babies Gone Too Soon. I take old wedding gowns and turn them into baby burial gown and donate them to hospitals.

#### **Community Baby Shower**

For all Expectant parents and families with babies up to 9 months.

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Goody bags, refreshment, prenatal/birthing information. and more. At Church of the Open Door Community Center

816 13 Ave North Clinton, Iowa

# **News About Our People**



Jory Jett, son of Jason and Haley Sullivan and brother to Elsa, was baptized at Faith Church on March 12, 2017. Jory's sponsors were Jeremy Sullivan and Megan Driscoll. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Jory!



#### To Be Confirmed

Into Calamus Lutheran Parish on April 30 2017 are: **To Faith Church:** Josh Gronewold, Andrew Grau, Austin Henning, Alyssa McElmeel, Magnus Sands, Anne Tulley, Ethan Wilhelm,.

To Our Savior's Church: Chase Knoche

#### Monday Bible School – "Jesus is My Shepherd" Faith Lutheran Church, 505 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Calamus 3:30 to 5:00 on May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22 For children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

You may make arrangements with the school to have children ride the bus to the church.

In order to make plans for snacks and supplies,
this registration <u>must</u> be turned in to the church office or school office by <u>April 23, 2017</u>.
You may use one form for a family. \* It is important to have permission and emergency contact information.
The registration form must be on file for all the children attending Bible School.

	Bible S	chool Registration Form	
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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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April 1:	Trina Knoche			
	Karlee Rock			
April 2:	Daryl Henning			
April 4:	Lindsey Hewer			
	Alisha Adams			
April 6:	Mallory Bousselot			
	Terry Cunningham			
April 9:	Rebecca Shorter			
April 10:	Norman Bousselot			
	Hans Olson			
April 11:	Brittany Hoffmann			
	James Koch			
April 12:	Jeremy Koch			
April 13:	Nila Mason			
April 14:	Geri Schutt			
April 15:	Jeff Henning			
April 17:	Nancy Olson			
April 18:	Matthew Gronewold			
April 20:	Hal Shelton			
	Bus Seastrand			
April 21:	Michael Hoker			
April 22:	Angela Ihns			
April 23:	Will Burke			
April 24:	Brandon Knudtsen			
	Mickenzie Allen			
April 25:	Larry Schau			
	Brayden Bousselot			
April 28:	Marcella Husen			
April 29:	Bryce Erickson			
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April 6:	Oscar and Joan Shelton			
April 7:	Paul and Carla Olson			
April 8:	Chris & Tara Sersig			
April 9:	Pastor Solveig and Michael Zamzow			
April 11:	Mitchel and Melissa Christensen			

To contact Pastor Bill, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262.

Lonny and Diane Sievers

Hally and Dennis Haley

Jeremy and Sarah Koch

Yale and Brenda Christensen

April 13:

April 22:

April 26:

April 30:



# An Easter Prayer

Almighty God,
you give us the joy of
celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life
in your service,
and bring us at last
to full joy of life eternal;
through your son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit forever.
Amen

#### ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

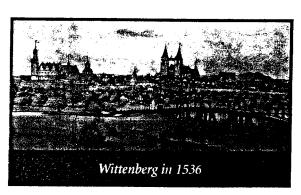
# Martin Luther: Monk to Reformer

We live in an era when fame is highly desired. Whether it's getting hits on social media, getting invited to desirable gatherings, or making it big in Hollywood or Nashville, people want to be known, to be memorable—often for the wrong reasons. It's noteworthy, then, that in 2017 the Lutheran church—and the world—marks a big anniversary involving one of our own (our founder, actually). Martin Luther didn't intend to become famous, and yet he changed the world, helping to usher in the modern era.

This little sheet doesn't have room to detail Luther's life and accomplishments, and you will probably be hearing a lot about them from many sources, so this will just provide a brief overview.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 in what is now central Germany but then was a separate principality called Saxony. His parents tried to give him a good education and hoped he would become a lawyer. Instead, when he was twenty-one he became a Catholic monk. He wanted to earn God's love but

was tormented by the sense that he could never be good enough. He punished himself mercilessly until finally a wise mentor sent him to study and teach Bible at the then new University of Wittenberg.



Not long after he arrived there, he became incensed by the church saying, in effect, that if people bought a certain document—an indulgence—it would provide God's forgiveness for their (or a loved one's) sins. Being a

understanding. And finally, Luther had the time to devote to the project.

The dispute with the Roman Catholic hierarchy that had begun with indulgences and Luther's Ninety-Five Theses had expanded and now came to a head with the imperial council (or "diet") held at Worms. Luther strongly defended his writings but still was condemned as an outlaw (in addition to



already being named a heretic). He could have been arrested and executed, but his prince, Frederick the Wise, "kidnapped" him in April 1521 and hid him away in the Wartburg Castle. There the reformer had little to do, so he set out to begin his translation of the Bible.

He started with the New Testament. He had learned New Testament (koine) Greek, the original language, and so began with that, not Latin. Since the German language was still evolving, Luther would make trips into nearby towns to hear how people actually spoke. Luther returned to his home in Wittenberg in 1522, and within six months, his New Testament was published. After that he worked with other pastors and scholars to prepare the Old Testament. The complete Bible, with 117 woodcut illustrations, was first published in 1534. He revised it several times up until his death.

Luther's work on a German Bible was a landmark achievement. It influenced others in many countries, including England, to do the same. He brought the scriptures into the language of his people, and in so doing spread the gospel.

#### MINISTERS FOR APRIL 2017

**FAITH** 

**Ushers:** 

Ruth Braet Donna Petersen Shirley Ferguson

Joyce Sands/Julie Gronewold

**Acolytes:** 

Brayden Williams

**Altar Ministry:** 

Lonny & Diane Sievers

**Communion Assistant:** 

Ruth Braet

**Greeter:** 

April 2: Donna Petersen

April 9: Marilyn Steward

April 16: Keith Steward

April 23: Shirley Ferguson/Julie

Gronewold

April 30: Ruth Braet

Lectors:

April 2: Annette Braet

April 9: Shirley Ferguson

April 16: Julie Gronewold

April 23: Ashley Steffens

April 30: Ruth Braet

**OUR SAVIOR'S** 

**Ushers:** 

Joe Morehead Brian Bousselot

Acolytes:

Chase & Courtney Knoche

**Communion Assistant:** 

Dan Burke

**Lector:** 

April 2: Joe Morehead

April 9: Amy Glover

April 16: Deb Detlefs

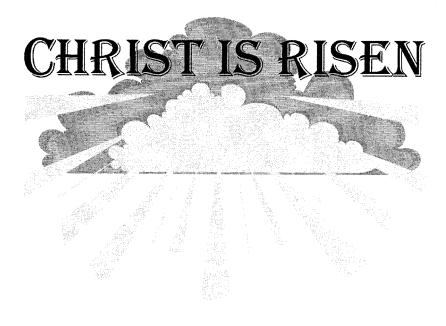
April 23: Brian Bousselot

April 30: Mark Olson

**Cleaners:** 

Shane and Amy Glover

If You Cannot Do Your Assigned Task On That Particular Day, It Is Your Responsibility To Trade With Someone Or To Find Your Own Substitute And Notify The Church Office Of The Change.



	SDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY	7	Fhursday 14 Good Friday 15 Vashing Nailing into Cross	p 7:00 Luther College SS Collegiate Chorale-	28 Naomi Circle 10:00a.m. Crossroads Cafe, H-Jeannene B. L- Marsha W.
April 2017	WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	5 6:00 Meal-F 7:00 Lent-F	13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Hand Washing	20 6:00 Worship Committee-OS 7:30 Jt Council-OS	26 6:30 Ed Committee 7:00 VBs Bible School Staff
	MONDAY TUESDAY	4 9:00 Coffee & A Little Jesus	11 7:00-Christian Outreach Committee	18	25
	SUNDAY	2 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship - F	ship – OS SS/AC – F orship - F	Easter  0 Worship – OS 0 Breakfast-OS ster Egg hunt follows cakfast-OS 0 Worship – F	23 8:00 Worship –OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F 2:30 Bad Girls of Bible-F 30 Confirmation-F

# **APRIL**

# **WORD SEARCH**

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## **WORDS**

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8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship Our Savior's Lutheran Church 2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus

9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship Faith Lutheran Church 505 Second Street, town of Calamus

